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14 November 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Case 32254 -- Fred Z. Launags

1. [] called from New York on 9 Nov 66 to report the following information on Fred Launags:

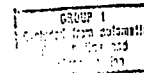
(a) Launags visited [] office on 9 November to discuss efforts to locate employment for Launags. [] has prepared certain background sketches for Launags and has been talking to prospective employers. As of this date Launags is still unemployed -- although he has been sent out to several employers and according to [] -- Launags is his own worst enemy. [] got several feed-backs from the prospective employers and they tell [] that Fred walks into the office and begins his conversation by saying "Do you really want to employ me?" He uses a sarcastic and unappealing voice intertwined with a perverted sense of humor which of course immediately sets wrong with the employer--the result being they turn him down.

(b) [] also found out that Fred has not been going to all of the various leads which were given to him by [] draws this conclusion from a conversation he had with Fred on 9 Nov. Fred told [] that he has visited every one of the 110 UN delegation offices -- outside of the UN building which means that he has gone all over town because they are widespread all over the New York area. Launags has been distributing a certain brochure which he claims he made up on Latvia to all of these delegations -- "a one man crusade to liberate Latvia". Launags said that the Albanian mission were very undiplomatic and discourteous to him yet the rest of the missions were sympathetic to his cause. Launags told [] that he is talking about getting the support of the US and UK and several other missions to sponsor him in a personal appeal which he wants to make in front of the UN General Assembly sometime within the next month.

(c) [] said he is also talking a good deal about going to Canada to work at the International World Fair there. He claims he wrote letters to a Miss Mariel McCullum, Executive Vice President of the Bulova Watch Co. in Toronto. Also to a William Prager there in connection with an advertising scheme and to an electronics firm operated by a group of Latvians.

2. [] admonished Fred about his various activities none of which are resolving his current problem of unemployment. [] has been giving Fred some financial assistance so on this occasion he lectured to Launags that the monies from [] are all donated by persons desirous of helping refugees over periods of unemployment. Also that this money is not meant for persons to carry out political

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crusades neglecting their personal needs. [] agreed with [] on the approach he took with Launags and told him to take a strong stand with him which is what Launags needs. From now on [] is going to check with the prospective employers to see whether Launags shows up for the interviews.

3. [] was sending Launags to an accounting firm on this date wherein there was a good chance for Fred being offered a job. [] will advise.

cc: C/SR/O/AC
attn: []

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